

REMARKS:

Claims 1 and 9 have been revised to overcome the informalities noted by the Patent Examiner, and the close attention to these matters is greatly appreciated.


The cancellation of claims 11 - 20 will obviate the objections noted by the Patent Examiner concerning informalities, and also rejections under 35 U.S.C. 101 and 112.

Claims 1 - 10 have been noted as being allowed.

A copy of the newly arranged application, copy of claims 1 and 9 as amended, and a clean copy of the amended claims and claim status are enclosed. Also enclosed are drawings with improved quality of numeral designations, no changes being made thereto.

Respectfully submitted,

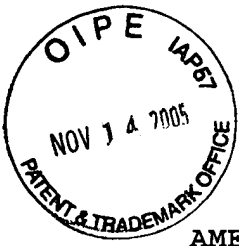
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This will certify that this amendment, amendment transmittal letter, new arrangement of the specification, copies of revised claims, clean copies of the revised claims, and claim status, formal drawings, request for extension of time and extension of time fees were placed in an envelope with sufficient postage as first class mail addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Arlington, Virginia 22313-1450, and deposited with the U.S. Postal Service on October 6, 2005.

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AMENDMENT TO CLAIMS:

1. (ONCE AMENDED) A protective helmet providing at least on illuminating LED array, including a circuit driven by at least one battery for powering amplifying means to drive the array, the circuit comprising: a comparator, the battery providing an input voltage and a reference voltage for the comparator, the comparator being turned on when the input voltage exceeds the reference voltage, a semiconductor device actuated by the comparator, and functioning as a shunt to maintain [the] a load voltage constant for voltage/current variations as the battery is worn down, and amplifiers connected to the battery, semiconductor device and comparator for turning on the LED array.

Claims 2 - 8 unchanged.

Claim 9 (ONCE AMENDED) The helmet of Claim 2, in which components of the circuit are mounted on a circuit board secured by the helmet[s], and two batteries are employed for respective input and reference voltages, the batteries being isolated from each other by a diode.

Claim 10 unchanged.

Claims 11 - 20 cancelled.